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Senate Bill _____
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House Bill No.HJR0022
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Cathey
on the occasion of his ninety-seventh
Birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Assembly should pause to recognize those
exemplary Tennesseans who are celebrating important milestones in their venerable
lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Cathey is one such outstanding Tennessean who on
December 27, 1994, celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey was born on December 27, 1897, the son of the late V.A.
and Betty Warmath Cathey; and

WHEREAS, growing up in the Oakville community of West Tennessee, he was a
dedicated member of the Oakville Methodist Church and attended Oakville Elementary
School; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Cathey valiantly served his country during
World War I; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the war, he returned home to help his mother and
father, seven brothers, and five sisters tend to the 200-acre family farm in Oakville;

WHEREAS, with his appreciation for the land, and his experience in cultivating it, Mr. Cathey landed a job with the state forestry department, which he held for seven years;

WHEREAS, deep into the Great Depression, jobs became scarce in the 1930's, and the country had to engage in projects such as the Civilian Conservation Corps to help to facilitate recovery;

WHEREAS, it was with such a project that Mr. Cathey became employed in 1934, and it was this job that led him to future employment with the Soil Conservation Service;

WHEREAS, with the Soil Conservation Service, Mr. Cathey moved to Weakley County and married his beloved wife, Betty, on December 29, 1944;

WHEREAS, although he retired from his employer in 1962, Mr. Cathey continues to work, growing and selling his own variety of flowers and vegetables;

WHEREAS, driving the 1973 Ford given to him by his stepson, Mr. Cathey loads his truck with fresh tomatoes, squash, and beans, and flowering zinnias, roses, and Sweet Williams to sell to the Gleason community from his roadside stand;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey also finds time for the American Legion, of which he is a 75-year member;

WHEREAS, still agile and active at the admirable age of ninety-seven, Mr. Cathey has been known for his interest in politics, voting in every election he could since the early 1920's;

WHEREAS, with a great sense of humor and a love for entertainment, Mr. Cathey is a devout fan of St. Louis Cardinals baseball and enjoys his favorite television programs including "Wheel of Fortune"; and

WHEREAS, overcoming two encounters with cancer, Mr. Cathey is a strong, determined individual, who lives each day to its fullest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. John Cathey on his ninety-seven years of life, and wish him many more happy and healthy years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Cathey with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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